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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

1. The amendment dated November 16, 2004 with the cancellation of claims 1-12, the amendment of claims 13 and 16-20 and the addition of new claims 22-48 is considered non-compliant under 37 CFR 1.121 for the following reasons:

- a) The response fails to include an instruction to enter the changes, specifically the amendments to claims 13 and 16-20.
- b) Claims 22-48 have not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered) and (Withdrawn).
- c) It is unclear what the applicants were intending to do by submitting drawings in the response. If the applicants are supplying copies of figures that were filed with the original application but are now missing, the applicants must submit appropriate proof that they were previously submitted to the PTO (i.e. return postcard). If the applicants are submitting new sheets or replacement sheets as per 37 CFR 1.121, the drawings have not been labeled with the appropriate identifier. In any case, the drawings have not been entered.

2. Since the reply filed on November 16, 2004 appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance

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with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Dieu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3873. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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